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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
John C. Reed)
Serial No.: 09/388,221)
Filed: September 1, 1999)
For: NOVEL CARD PROTEINS)
INVOLVED IN CELL DEATH)
REGULATION)

Group Art Unit: 1632

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2001,
entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully
requested.

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AMENDMENTS

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Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 27 and 66 to read as
follows:

Sub 1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule
encoding a NB-ARC and CARD containing protein (NAC), comprising a
nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having at least 80%
identity to SEQ ID NO:4 or SEQ ID NO:6, or the complement of said
nucleotide sequence,

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